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## AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated June 29, 2005 ("Final Office Action") in the above-captioned application ("Application"). The Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment be entered in order to place the Application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal.

Please amend the claims as shown in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.